

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 28, 2004

SENATE BILL

No. 1359

Introduced by Senators Brulte and Escutia

February 18, 2004

An act to add Section 14107.13 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Medi-Cal.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1359, as amended, Brulte. Medi-Cal: notices.

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Services, pursuant to which medical benefits are provided to public assistance recipients and other low-income persons.

This bill would require the department, at the time payment is made under the Medi-Cal program for any fee-for-service benefit, to mail a confirmation of service, to the recipient of the benefits and the provider of benefits.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 14107.13 is added to the Welfare and
- 2 Institutions Code, to read:
- 3 14107.13. (a) At the time a payment is made under the
- 4 Medi-Cal program for any fee-for-service benefit, the department
- 5 shall send by mail a confirmation of service to the following:
- 6 (1) The recipient of the benefits.
- 7 (2) The provider of benefits.

1 (b) The notices required by this section shall be adopted jointly
2 by the department and the Department of Justice.

3 (c) *The notice shall be transmitted electronically, via facsimile,*
4 *or by mail, whichever is most cost-effective and practicable.*

5 (d) *Notices sent to beneficiaries shall comply with the*
6 *Medi-Cal threshold language requirements that apply to Medi-Cal*
7 *managed care plans.*

